

**City of Franklin Common Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 2, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Franklin, Indiana was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 70 E. Monroe Street, with Mayor Joseph E. McGuinness presiding. Council members Joseph Abban, Joseph Ault, Kenneth Austin, Stephen Barnett, Andrew Eggers, Keith Fox and Richard Wertz answered roll call. Clerk-Treasurer Jayne Rhoades, Records Clerk Kathy Cragen, City Attorney Lynnette Gray were also present.

Councilor Wertz offered an invocation. Mayor McGuinness opened the meeting and asked the Clerk-Treasurer to call the roll. Mayor McGuinness led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

Mayor McGuinness presented the consent agenda for approval.

- Approval of the April 18, 2016 Common Council Minutes

Council President Barnett made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Councilor Abban. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Old Business

Council President Barnett made a motion to read all old business by title only, seconded by Councilor Abban. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Public Hearing

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 16-05 An Additional Appropriation to Fund the Position of Public Relations & Marketing Director - Mayor McGuinness explained this ordinance was requesting to hire a Public Relations and Marketing Director for the City of Franklin. A discussion was held. The Mayor opened the floor for public hearing, no one asked to speak. Council President Barnett made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Wertz. A roll call vote was taken with Councilors Barnett, Austin, Abban, Eggers, Fox & Wertz stating aye, and Councilor Ault stating nay. The motion carried by a vote of 6 to 1.

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 16-06 A City of Franklin Budgetary Ordinance Repealing and Replacing Budgetary Ordinance No.: 15-15 Fixing and Authorizing the Payment of Certain Salaries of Appointed Officers and Employees for Year 2016 (Civil City) – Mayor McGuinness stated this is for funding the Public Relations & Marketing Director position approved above. The Mayor opened the floor for public hearing, no one asked to speak. Councilor Eggers made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Fox. A voice vote was taken with six members stating aye, and one member stating nay. The motion carried.

New Business

Council President Barnett made a motion to read all new business by title only, seconded by Councilor Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Common Council Budgetary Resolution No.: 16-03 A Common Council Budgetary Resolution Authorizing a Transfer from Telecommunications Services 300 to Telecommunications Supplies 200 in the amount of \$2,610.00 - Mayor McGuinness stated this is to pay for a new backup server system for the City. The money is being transferred from Telecommunications Services to Telecommunications Supplies. Councilor Eggers made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Fox. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Request Approval of Yearly Tax Abatement Compliance Reports - Community Development Director Krista Linke came forward and read the following tax abatement compliance reports. Ms. Linke stated that the following compliance reports are ready for review, and approval, which is the recommendation of the Economic Development Commission (EDC): C2016-02 BCC Products; C2016-18 Indiana Hydraulic Equipment; C2016-34 NSK Precision America; C2016-35 NSK Precision America; C2016-36 NSK Corporation; C2016-37 NSK Precision America; C2016-38 Overton Industries; C2016-40 Overton Industries; C2016-41 Overton Industries; C2016-42 PCTNA; C2016-44 Pridgeon & Clay; C2016-45 Shipston Aluminum Technologies; C2016-46 Tippmann Realty Partners; C2016-78 Tippmann Realty Partners. A discussion was held. Council President Barnett made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Fox. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Other Business

Council President Barnett stated that he had received a letter from Fire Merit Commission Attorney Jim Admire stating that Larry Tames would be stepping down from the Fire Merit Board. Mr. Barnett stated that the Council would need to appoint a replacement for Mr. Tames, and he would like to suggest Mr. Joe Kelly for this position. Council President Barnett made a motion to appoint Mr. Kelly to the Fire Merit Commission, seconded by Councilor Abban. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Council Comments

Councilor Abban ask the Mayor to provide a scope of duties at the next meeting for the Public Relations & Marketing Director that was approved to be hired.

Other Comments

Mr. Phil Barrow Director of Johnson County Senior Services came forward, and stated that they would be having their third annual “Dining in the Dark” fundraiser on August 4th at the Masonic Home. Mr. Barrow invited the council and the public to attend.

Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer
Enrolled: 5/4/2016

Joseph McGuinness, Mayor

Attest:

Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer